

To whom it may concern:

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We have some good news and we have some bad news. First, the good news; due in no small part to your efforts in contracting your union leadership and United States Senators Levin and Stabenow, the United States Asbestos Bail Out Bill appears to be dying for now. We thank you for taking the initiative in contacting your Senators to voice your opposition to that Bill.

You are probably wondering why this effort is taking place in the State of Michigan and why the asbestos industry and its allies are asking the Supreme Court of Michigan to change the law. We all know from our eighth grade Civic class that judges do not make the law but rather interpret the law. The Michigan Constitution as well as the United States Constitution could not be more clear about the separation of the different branches of government. So why have the asbestos industry and its allies ignored the fundamental principles of separation of powers and petitioned the Supreme Court of Michigan to change the law and deprive you of your constitutional right to have a jury hear your case? For several reasons.

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Thank You

